

# Brethren Evangelist

"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Editorial

### Wanted At Once

This office is in need of a trustworthy young man who may be classed as an "all around printer." If you desire pleasant and steady work write at once to the Brethren Publication Board, Ashland, Ohio.

### A Correction

In the monthly missionary report by Brother Cassel, a few weeks ago, two of the credits were misplaced. The Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor, Goshen, Indiana, has a credit of \$5.00. The amount was sent in by the society at Dunlaps, Indiana. Also the mission box, \$1.30, credited to Goshen, should be credited to Dunlaps. The persons interested will please make a note of the correction. Brother Cassel can make the necessary transfer on the books, which he will gladly do.

### Put It On Paper

We are in receipt of several excellent papers read at the late California Conference. One of these papers, on "Woman's Work," we print in this issue. The others will follow. That Conference has set a good example for others. Put your thoughts on paper. It will be a double advantage. First, you will be more likely to do your best; there will be less words, and more ideas, stripped of all superfluities. Second, the church at large will get the benefit, and not the district conference only. Enlarge your usefulness; do not be selfish with your thoughts and ideas, if you have any. If you do not possess any, you will be sure to find it out when you attempt putting that something or nothing on paper.

### The Camel and the Gnat

The old story of the camel and the gnat finds another illustration in the action of the Board of Health of Ashland, Ohio. This Board has ordered that milkmen must no longer sell tickets to their customers on the ground that these tickets, being taken from one family to another, might be the means of carrying disease. How zealous these people are for the public good; how interested in the health of the citizens of our town. We thank them for this manifestation of supreme interest in our welfare, and congratulate the Board on the wisdom it has shown in accomplishing its end, that is to keep us well, clean, healthy and happy. But now while the Board is at it we would like to

remind them of the fact that there are above fifteen saloons in this town, together with several gambling dens, licensed by the town; these are dealing out poison by the drink, wrecking manhood, laying the foundation of ill health, paving the way for crime and vice, robbing homes of their support and happiness, bringing disease, death and destruction to young and old. These, however, are matters of very little importance, but selling milk tickets, what a crime it must be! Verily these people strain at a gnat and swallow a camel, no, one of Uncle Sam's war-ships.

### Ohio Conference Program

Elsewhere we publish the program for the Ohio conference to be held at Pleasant Hill, June 7-10. This program is an excellent one, and if all concerned will do their duty, we have reasons to look for great results. The secretary of the conference should at once set to work to gather statistics of the several departments of church work, especially that of the Sunday School, the Children's society. Let there be a report of every school in the state, also of every young people's society; besides these, every pastor and those not regular pastors should, either take or send to this conference a full report of the year's work, beginning with last conference. We need to know, not so much what we are doing as what we are *not* doing.

### What is a Christian?

The answers to this question containing more than fifty words have all been published, and in this issue we begin the publication of those containing fifty words or under. The name of the winner of the prize will be announced shortly after all the answers have been published. We trust that the reading of these answers will bring us nearer to Christ, and create within us a holy desire to be more like him who, tho a representative of sinful humanity, is yet perfect in all things.

### The Fruits of it

In three successive issues of the paper we have made known our wants to the people in special appeals for a sum of money equal to about one third the entire amount due the office. Some of our friends have taken the matter in hand and nobly responded to the call. Others have not. *We have received less than one third the amount asked for.* These things should not be so. But for the

present, at least, we will say no more about the matter, leaving it in your hands to do as you would be done by in similar circumstances.

### In A Dilemma Once More

Our readers will remember that in the fall of 1896 the editor of this paper received a letter from a good sister who took exceptions to the paper, because as she thought, it was advocating the cause of the Republican Party. A brother wrote us about the same time that the EVANGELIST was favoring free coinage of silver and the Democratic Party. We are now in a worse dilemma. A sister writes that she likes the paper very much, and that she tried to get new subscribers, but failed because people say, "The editor does not even so much as write an editorial any more." Some time ago a brother wrote us that his idea of a good paper was that the editor should write less and the readers of the paper more. "Betwixt" the two what is to be done? As one views it we are writing too much; as another views it we are writing nothing. It is possible that both are correct in their views. It does not require much of nothing to be too much.

### A Magnificent Bible

We are pleased to be able to offer to the public one of the best Bibles for the price ever offered for sale by any firm, one that more than meets the expectations of all purchasers. Recently a brother ordered a copy, and after receiving it, wrote us asking whether we had not sent the wrong book by mistake, as it was far superior to what he expected for the money. It is a source of pleasure to us to know that we can thus please our customers. The Bible we speak of is a large type edition, printed on excellent paper, leather lined, an elegant book in every particular. It is a six dollar Bible, but by special arrangements with the publishers we are able to offer the EVANGELIST one year and this Bible for only \$3.00. This offer applies to old and new subscribers. If you will send us *ten* renewal subscribers with the cash, the Bible will be sent free to your address. Or if you will get us *five* new subscribers, you will receive the Bible free as a premium for your services. This is one of the most liberal offers it has ever been our privilege to make. Understand, please, that the Bible is not a cheap, small type, poorly bound book such as you have been offered by other papers for less money. This Bible is guaranteed to give satisfaction.